

**Special Budget Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, December 17, 2008**  
**4:10 p.m.**  
**Third Floor, City Hall**

**Present:**

**Chair:** CW Hamilton  
**Vice-Chair:** CM Downard  
**Members:** CW Woolridge, CM Blackwell, CM Benson, CM Tandy, CM Kramer,  
CM Fleming, CM Heiner, & CW Green

**Also Present:** President King, CM Henderson, CM Hawkins, CM Welch, CM Butler

**Absent:** CM Unseld

Chairwoman Hamilton began the meeting by announcing the members and non-members of the committee present. A Quorum was established.

**Pending Legislation**

[O-223-11-08 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING YEAR-END OPERATING BUDGET TRANSFERS BETWEEN VARIOUS AGENCIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008, TO PROVIDE CARRY FORWARD FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 METRO OPERATIONS, TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 112, SERIES 2008, AND TO PROVIDE VARIOUS TRANSFERS AS DETAILED HEREIN. \(AS AMENDED\)](#)

**Status:** Return to Committee  
**Committee:** Budget  
**Primary Sponsor:** Cheri Bryant Hamilton

Motion to Approve made by Mary C. Woolridge and seconded by David Tandy.

**Discussion:** Beth Stenberg, Metro Council Staff, spoke regarding the proposed amendment in Section V.

Motion to amend the sum in Section V to \$215,850.60 made by Cheri Bryant Hamilton and seconded by David Tandy.

The Amendment passed.

VOTING RESULTS - For: 10; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1

For: Judy Green, David Tandy, Kenneth C. Fleming, Hal Heiner, Cheri Bryant Hamilton, Kevin Kramer, Stuart Benson, Mary C. Woolridge, Rick Blackwell, Kelly Downard  
Against: (None)  
Abstain: (None)  
Absent: George Unseld

This item, as amended was send to **Old Business**.

VOTING RESULTS - For: 10; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1

For: Judy Green, David Tandy, Kenneth C. Fleming, Hal Heiner, Cheri Bryant Hamilton, Kevin Kramer, Stuart Benson, Mary C. Woolridge, Rick Blackwell, Kelly Downard  
Against: (None)  
Abstain: (None)  
Absent: George Unseld

## Special Items For Discussion

Dr. Paul Coomes presented his view of the current recession and its likely impact on revenues. A power point presentation was given. (Power point - attached) The following was discussed:

- Monthly Growth in United States Jobs smoothed 3-month moving average
- Job growth decline similar to 1983 recession
- Loss of 2 million jobs since last November
- May last 16 months and will be the longest recession since WWII
- Occupational tax receipts in the negative
- Fiscal year growth rate - Occupation Tax Receipts
- Will probably be negative net growth
- Net Profits Tax Collections, Fiscal years
- Fiscal Year Growth Rate - Net Profits Tax Receipts
- History of the main series of recessions
  - 1981-82 - severe with inflation
  - 1990-91 - mild nationally, UPS growing locally
  - 2001 - internet bubble burst, 9/11 hit to tourism
- Job growth in Louisville stalled in late spring
- Will probably end the year with same number of jobs as end of 2000
- Manufacturing jobs by month - down 20,000 from 1999 to 2008
- No growth in retail this decade
- Self service economy has eliminated many jobs
- Loss of manufacturing jobs, construction jobs, housing, retail, etc.
- Two largest employers
  - Humana
  - UPS
- Quarterly growth in wages and salaries since last recession
- Uncertainty stalls businesses
- Businesses reaction to low rates
- Most banks are in good shape
- High end office sector jobs that cannot be automated are growing
- Universities are doing well
- Health care services are a good job source
- Bad home mortgage loans and gas prices are a factor in the recession
- The leading indicators that things are getting better is stock market improvement, home building, and filing for unemployment insurance for the first time going down

Chairwoman Hamilton thanked the Committee for all their work this year.

Without objection the meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

**\*NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the December 18, 2008 Council Meeting.**

**KQG**